Balochistan PA demands end to gas and electricity loadshedding

• Adopts joint resolution calling on provincial government to coordinate with Centre for uninterrupted power supply • Also passes resolution to grant Killi Alizai in Pishin district status of sub-tehsil

By Saleem Shahid

QUETTA: The Balochistan Assembly on Friday adopted a joint resolution, moved by treasury and opposition members, calling for an end to prolonged gas and electricity loadshedding across the province.

In the assembly session presided over by Speaker Captain (Retd) Abdul Khaliq Achakzai, the JUI-F member Asghar Ali Tareen moved a resolution, stating that gas loadshedding during harsh winters and electricity outages in the extreme summer months across all districts of Balochistan have made life unbearable for the people.

He said that despite repeated assurances from the GM of Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) and the Chief Executive Officer of Qesco – given during briefings to the assembly members regarding uninterrupted gas and electricity supply — no substantial measures had been taken, causing severe hardships for the public.

The resolution recommended that the provincial government take up the issue with the federal government to ensure the immediate termination of gas loadshedding in cold regions and an end to electricity outages in hot areas.

Mr Tareen spoke on the resolution, saying that gas is cut off in winter and electricity in summer. He added that while recovery of dues is the responsibility of the gas and power companies, the public is being deprived of essential services under this pretext.

Speaker Abdul Khaliq Achakzai noted that Qesco officials had informed him the provincial government had assured payment of Rs2 billion in dues, while the federal government had assured Rs4bn. He asked government members to brief the House on the matter.

Provincial Finance Minister Mir Shoaib Nosherwani said the power and gas crisis is worsening. He stated that loadshedding had also been discussed with SSGC officials during the Apex Committee meeting and suggested forming a committee to take the matter seriously.

PML-N MPA Zarak Khan Mandokhail, JUI-F's Mir Zabid Ali Reki and Syed Zafar Ali Agha, PPP's Nawabzada Zareen Magsi, Ali Madad Jattak and minority member Sanjay Kumar, and Provincial Minister Mir Asim Kurd Gello also supported the resolution and demanded an immediate solution to gas and electricity loadshedding.

Sub-tehsil status

The house also passed a resolution calling for granting Killi Alizai in Pishin district the status of a sub-tehsil.

JUI-F member Syed Zafar Ali Agha presented the resolution, stating that Killi Alizai is a densely populated area with nearly 60,000 residents, and its population continues to grow rapidly.

The resolution recommended that the provincial government take practical steps to upgrade Killi Alizai to a sub-tehsil so that the longstanding demand of the local population may be fulfilled and residents can receive basic civic amenities.

Opposition protests 'state oppression', fresh tweaks

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27th Amendment, which he claimed meant that those "imposed on the nation" could not be tried in any court, even if involved in corruption or killings, was unacceptable. He termed such immunity un-Islamic, unethical and against local traditions.

In his speech, Mr Saleem said their struggle for the supremacy of the Constitution, rule of law and human rights would continue until their goals were achieved.

In Swabi, PTI leaders said the incumbent federal government had been working for the establishment since coming to power through "a fraudulent election".

The PTI leaders staged a protest on the Swabi-Jahangira Road at Tordher against the 27th Amendment, claiming it had been enacted to strengthen powerful personalities and the establishment's grip on power instead of empowering common citizens.

In Mohmand's Mian Mandi bazaar, PTI workers held a large protest, where speakers described the amendment as a direct assault on the Constitution, judicial independence and part of an "extension scheme".

In Battagram, PTI held a protest on the Karakoram Highway. The demonstration, led by PTI Battagram chapter President Niaz Muhammad Khan Trand, featured protesters holding placards inscribed with slogans against the federal government.

Mr Trand said Pakistan was founded in the name of Islam and stressed that everyone should be held accountable for their actions. In Bajaur, scores of PTI workers and supporters attended a demonstration.

Sporadic rallies in Punjab

In Punjab, the PTI failed to make a significant impact on the first day of its protest drive, as rallies remained small and sporadic. Even its X (formerly Twitter) handle remained largely quiet for most of the day as the protests struggled to gain momentum.

PTI Chief Organiser Aliya Hamza, who had given the protest call, nevertheless termed the drive a success, given what she described as the scale of oppression.

"We issued a call for a three-tier protest: distribution of pamphlets outside mosques, wearing black bands and rallies. We had complete success in the first two steps, and partial success in the third because of massive oppression, especially in Lahore, where the city president (Usman Akram) was arrested," she told *Dawn*.

In a post on X, PTI leader Hammad Azhar also claimed the arrest of Mr Akram, which was later confirmed by the police.

Ms Aliya's protest invitation on X was in response to TTAP's protest call for Friday. "All party ticket holders, right down to Union Council level, should wear black bands, hold pro-democracy and pro-judiciary placards and take out rallies in their areas," read the message.

By evening, reports of small protests had started trickling in from different areas, but nothing major had been reported by late in the evening.

'Amendment distorted Constitution'

In Karachi, PTI staged a protest in front of the Karachi Press Club (KPC). The party's Sindh president, Haleem Adil Sheikh, Karachi President Raja Azhar, General Secretary Arsalan Khalid, Faheem Khan, representatives of the Women's Wing, Insaf Youth Wing, Insaf Lawyers Forum, Labour Wing and other party cadres marched towards Regal Chowk, chanting slogans against the amendment and calling for the immediate release of the PTI founder.

PTI workers protest against the 27th Amendment outside the KP Assembly building.—Shahbaz Butt / White Star

Party leaders claimed more than two dozen workers were arrested during the demonstration.

Speaking at the protest, Mr Sheikh said the 27th Amendment had "distorted and damaged the very spirit of the Constitution" and claimed that it was forcibly imposed in violation of the public will.

"The so-called government formed through Form-47 has been manoeuvred into place only to secure personal interests," he said, adding that both the 26th and 27th amendments were against the people's interest and had been "outrightly rejected by the nation".

Mr Sheikh said Imran Khan had been incarcerated for more than two years due to his struggle for "true freedom" and was allegedly facing fabricated cases. "The entire nation has a single demand: Imran Khan must be released immediately," he said.

According to a party statement, protests were also staged in Mirpurkhas, Hyderabad, Sanghar, Sukkur, Larkana, Kandhkot, Ghotki and other towns, where workers stood outside local press clubs wearing black armbands and chanting slogans against the amendment.

In Mirpurkhas division, local PTI chapter chief Aftab Qureshi and more than two dozen workers were arrested, while dozens more were detained in Karachi and Hyderabad.

Kalbe Ali in Islamabad, Mohammad Ashfaq in Peshawar, Ahmad Fraz in Lahore and Imran Ayub in Karachi contributed to this report

Faisalabad glue factory explosion claims 20 lives

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negligence for loss of lives.

While expressing concern over the tragic deaths of labourers and citizens, they said the government was responsible for negligence that allowed factory owners to endanger the lives of workers and residents by failing to adopt safety measures.

Owner held, FIR registered

Later, the Mansoorabad police arrested the factory owner and registered a case against him and others under the Anti-Terrorism Act, Pakistan Penal Code and Explosive Substances Act on a complaint of Sub-Inspector Ehtesham Abbas.

According to police, factory owner Qaiser Chughtai, manager Bilal Ali Imran, and six others were booked in the case, which was registered under Section 7 of the ATA; Sections 302, 324, 336-B, 440, 147, and 149 of the PPC, and Sections 3 and 4 of the Explosive Substances Act.

Later, factory manager Bilal Ali Imran, cook Khalid, and two workers, Zain and Atta Muhammad, were also taken into custody.

The FIR alleged that residents had repeatedly warned the factory owner and management not to store dangerous flammable chemicals in the factory, but the management continued to store them while throwing caution to wind.

The roofs of four factories — including the glue factory — and nine houses in the adjacent Shahab Town collapsed due to the powerful blast.

Victims identified

According to police, 20 people died in the incident. Most of them have been identified. It also stated that seven others were injured.

The deceased included seven members of the same family namely Shafiq, 62, his wife, Maqsooda, 55, their son Irfan, grandchildren Muqaddas, 13, Rehan, 12, Muhammad Ahmed, 10, and Azan, 4.

Also, electrical engineer Ashiq Hussain, and his three sons Obaid, 24, Omar, 22, and Bilal, 20, died under the debris when the roof of their house collapsed.

Residents of the same street, Rashid's wife Fakhra, 40, their one-year-old son, Ali Hasnain, and two daughters Maham, 4 and Jannat, 3, also died under the rubble. The two brothers who died in the nearby embroidery factory, Waqas, 25, and Saim, 23, were residents of Shamsabad locality on Chak Jhumra Road. A worker of the affected factory, Fazal, also died.

Terrorism incidents on the decline, but situation still unsatisfactory: CM

By Our Staff Correspondent

QUETTA: Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti has said that although terrorism incidents have come down over the past one to two months as a result of security forces' action, the situation could not be termed satisfactory.

The chief minister was giving an in-camera briefing to lawmakers of the provincial assembly on Friday about the law and order situation in the province.

Mr Bugti said the provincial assembly is the representative institution and a Jirga hall of the province and the government would inform its members about efforts of the provincial government for maintaining law and order in Balochistan, but the assembly lawmakers must also provide concrete suggestions to improve law and order situation in the province.

He said despite decline in incidents of terrorism in recent months, the situation still cannot be termed satisfactory and urged the House to propose effective strategies to fight the menace.

Earlier, the chief minister moved a motion to constitute a Committee of the Whole under Rule 170(D), which was approved. After this, the IG of Balochistan Police, Muhammad Tahir, and officials of the home department briefed the assembly lawmakers on the law and order situation in the province.

FCC cases

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who graced the inauguration, acknowledged the initiative as a historical milestone in strengthening judicial outreach and administrative efficiency.

The FCCP also issued an official notification regarding the court's working hours, ensuring clarity and accessibility for all stakeholders. It stated the federal court was committed to improving service delivery, transparency and ease of access for litigants across the country.

The appeal against the SHC in a family property dispute was filed by Ghulam Shah Abbasi in person, seeking prevention of harassment and protection of fundamental rights guaranteed under the Constitution.

The appellant pleaded before the federal court to set aside the Sept 8 decision of the SHC that had disposed of the case on the grounds that the matter pertained to a private civil dispute. He also requested the FCCP to order the Sindh government for providing due protection and restrain his family members from harassment and bodily harm.

The matter revolves around a family dispute over inherited properties left by deceased father of the petitioner, which is a three-storey residential building with shops in Hyderabad.

The petitioner claimed that he asked for his legal share in the inherited properties left behind by his deceased father Noor Muhammad Abbasi who died on July 22, 2003 but the family members became his enemy, which according to him was the root cause of dispute.

The appellant claimed that he was "deceitfully" called by the respondent relatives at Hyderabad for settlement and giving his share from the inherited properties left by his deceased father but when he reached at Citizen Colony Gate at Hyderabad he was allegedly abducted and later tied up and illegally confined for 15 days in the Drugs Addicted Ward of M/s MK (Majnu Khan) Hospital allegedly to "fabricate and generate" his false statement.

He also alleged that he was being intimidated and harassed by the Commissioner, Sindh Revenue Board, Karachi. On April 29, 2024, the appellant said, a complaint was lodged with Arambagh police station.

Govt finally calls inaugural NFC session on Dec 4

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domain; expenditure sharing by the federation and/or the provinces in respect of transnational matters; and financial requirements for national projects to be jointly funded by the Centre and the provinces.

In line with suggestions from the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the Centre wants to secure provincial burden-sharing in expenses for increasingly frequent natural calamities, certain horizontal health programmes and major dams, highways and motorways. It has also been calling for an end to the existing population-based incentive and its replacement with criteria based on social-sector performance and the activation of local governments.

The NFC will also be required to recommend grants-in-aid by the federal government to the provinces, set out the powers and conditions governing federal and provincial borrowing, and assess and allocate resources to meet expenditures related to the governments of Azad Jammu and Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan, and the newly merged districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (erstwhile Fata).

Under the 7th NFC award, announced in 2009 and enforced for 15 years rather than the five-year constitutional term, the provincial share in the divisible pool was raised to 57.5pc from about 47pc. This later increased to around 59pc after special allocations to Balochistan, KP and Sindh on various grounds, reducing the federal share to 42.5pc.

In subsequent years, however, the Centre imposed a petroleum levy of about Rs1.5 trillion and secured roughly Rs1.5tr in cash balances from the provinces, effectively tilting the financial balance back in its favour.

On their part, the provinces failed to meet their 7th NFC commitment to increase their own revenue contribution by 0.5pc of GDP every year. A similar pledge by the Centre to raise its revenue by one per cent of GDP annually also remained unfulfilled.

For the current year, the federal government has already revised down its economic growth forecast by up to 0.7 percentage points to 3.5pc owing to flood-related damages.

Various quarters, including the finance ministry, the armed forces and the IMF, have been calling for a rebalancing of the transfer of a larger chunk of divisible pool resources in the Centre's favour.

The Constitution, however, stipulates that provincial shares under each NFC award cannot be reduced. The award must be agreed upon by consensus among the five parties, i.e., the Centre and the four provinces.

Provincial governments receive their horizontal shares based on population, poverty, revenue collection and inverse population density. Under the current formula, Punjab receives 51.74pc, Sindh 24.55pc, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa 14.62pc and Balochistan 9.09pc.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif is expected to engage with the political leadership of key allies on the NFC before the formal sitting, although he has no official role in the commission, the sources said.

The revision of NFC parameters was originally part of the proposed 27th Constitutional Amendment, under which the Centre sought to reduce provincial shares and take back some devolved subjects such as education and population.

However, the federal government later stepped back in a political bargain with its main coalition partner, the PPP, to prioritise amendments relating to the armed forces and the judiciary. Nevertheless, the prime minister has been hinting at continuing dialogue with the PPP on the NFC.

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The Tenders/bidders may collect Tender documents from the CRS Department, ground floor, DFMC, on any working day during 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. till November 28,2025,

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S. #	TENDER NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	CLOSING DATE & TIME
1.	OGDCL-SCM-SERVICES-CB-SYS-60-3336-303807291-2025	POST IMPLEMENTATION REVIEW OF SAP	09.12.2025 AT 1030 HRS
2.	OGDCL-SCM-SERVICES-CB-DO-303809755-2025	AIR DRILLING SERVICES	09.12.2025 AT 1030 HRS
3.	OGDCL-SCM-SERVICES-CB-PNP-60-3338-303821807-2025	C-TYPE INSPECTION OF ALTERNATOR COUPLED WITH EGT-1	11. 12.2025 AT 1030 HRS
4.	OGDCL-SCM-FA-CB-DS-302853318-2025	XANTHAN GUM	24.12.2025 AT 1100 HRS

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1.	OGDCL-SCM-SERVICES-DF-301040419-2025	HIRING OF MUD ENGINEERING SERVICES ALONG WITH MUD CHEMICALS	03.12.2025 AT 1030 HRS

3. Bidders who have already submitted/ sent their proposals (bids) may take them back and re-submit the same before the revised closing date and time mentioned above.
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